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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 2042**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Levine**

February 20, 2014

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An act to amend Section 2989.8 of, and to add Section 2986.55 to, the Civil Code, relating to motor vehicle leases.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2042, as amended, Levine. Vehicle Leasing Act: zero-emission vehicles: option to purchase.

Existing law, the Vehicle Leasing Act, specifies requirements for contracts for leases of motor vehicles, including the requirement that the contract contain prescribed information regarding the motor vehicle and the terms of the lease. Existing law makes a *knowing and willful* violation of the act's provisions a misdemeanor.

This bill would ~~require~~ *authorize* a lease contract for the lease of a zero-emission vehicle that was counted by the manufacturer toward meeting the requirements of the State Air Resources Board to contain the option for the lessee to purchase the vehicle at the end of the lease term and would prohibit the counting of a leased zero-emission vehicle from being counted toward meeting the requirements of the State Air Resources Board or toward the earning of zero-emission vehicle credits pursuant to those standards if the vehicle's lease contract does not comply with the above-described provisions. ~~term.~~ The bill would ~~exempt~~ *provide that, except as specified, a knowing and willful* violation

of these requirements from the act is a misdemeanor provision and make related changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 2986.55 is added to the Civil Code, to  
2 read:  
3 2986.55. (a) (1) A lease contract for the lease of a  
4 zero-emission vehicle that was counted by the manufacturer toward  
5 meeting the requirements of the zero-emission vehicle standards  
6 of the State Air Resources Board shall may contain the option for  
7 the lessee to purchase the vehicle at the end of the lease term.  
8 (2) If a lease contract for a leased zero-emission vehicle does  
9 not comply with paragraph (1), that vehicle shall not be counted  
10 toward meeting the requirements of the zero-emission vehicle  
11 standards of the State Air Resources Board or toward the earning  
12 of zero-emission vehicle credits pursuant to those standards.  
13 (b) Section 2989.8 shall not apply to a violation of subdivision  
14 (a).  
15 SEC. 2. Section 2989.8 of the Civil Code is amended to read:  
16 2989.8. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, a person  
17 who knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this chapter  
18 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.